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PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 through 11 and 15.

Please substitute amended claims 12, 19, and 20 as follows for the pending claims

with the same number:

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12. (TWICE AMENDED) A frontal air bag system for a vehicle comprising:
an inflator adapted to be mounted to vehicle structure;
a diffuser connected to said inflator and adapted to extend along a pillar of the
vehicle;
a frontal air bag operatively connected to said diffuser and adapted to be mounted
solely to the pillar; and